

REMARKS

The office action of January 22, 2010, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the specification is objected to for not containing section headings.

Claims 1-10 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 5-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Rode in view of the patent to Sjobom.

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the specification, applicant has amended the specification to include

section headings.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the application are overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1-10.

Applicant has amended the claims to address the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on

file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references and particularly to the patent to Rode, it can be seen that this patent discloses a bearing setting procedure and apparatus. Rohde does not disclose a washer that is axially displaceable on the anchorage fixture. In Rode the adapter 70 is interlocked with the connecting element 50 and is thus not axially displaceable relative thereto. Rode also does not teach a washer directly supported at one end on a nut, as in the presently claimed invention. The nut 60 of Rode does not touch the washer 70. Still further, Rode does not teach a pretensioning tool that applies a force between the anchorage fixture and the washer, which is against the bearing assembly, as in the present invention.

The patent to Sjobom discloses a method for pulling bearing, a bearing puller and use thereof.

The Examiner combined Sjobom with Rode in determining that claims 1, 5-7 and 9 would be unpatentable over such a combination. Applicant respectfully submits that neither of these references, nor their combination, teach a device for mounting a bearing

assembly as recited in the amended claims now on file. Sjobom provides no teaching of the features missing from Rode as discussed above. Specifically, Sjobom also does not teach a washer that is axially displaceable on the anchorage fixture, a washer directly supported at one end on a nut, or a pretensioning tool that applies a force between the anchorage fixture and the washer, which is against the bearing assembly, as in the present invention. Since neither of the references teaches these features, their combination cannot.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 5-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above-discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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